

## JAPANESE STEAMER SUNK BY THE RUSSIAN FLEET

All the Crew and Passengers Captured Except Captain, one Passenger and one Member of the Crew Near the Miato and the Hanyei Sunk.

Japanese Advance Occupies Haiju, South of Anju. Taking Possession on March 27—Russians Meet With Land Defeat but Claim to Have Retired in Order.

By Associated Press.

Choo Foo, March 30.—The captain, one passenger and one member of the crew of the Japanese coasting steamer, Hanyei, which arrived at Teng Show to-day, reported the Hanyei sunk by the Russian fleet on March 27, near the Miato Islands. The remainder of the crew and passengers, numbering seventeen, were captured.

By Associated Press.

Seoul, March 30.—The Japanese advance occupied Haiju, south of Anju, on March 27.

By Associated Press.

Vladivostok, March 30.—One of the submarine mines in Possiet Bay, was struck by a whale to-day, whose mutilated body washed ashore.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—Emperor has received a dispatch from General Kuropatkin giving a lengthy report from General Mishchenko, dated at 10 p. m., March 28, which says that an important engagement took place near the town of Chongju, in which the Russians were defeated, retiring in perfect order.

The Japanese suffered heavily but the Russian losses are not stated.

Cavalry and infantry on both sides were engaged. The Russians occupied a commanding position.

The Japanese fought gallantly, but owing to their heavy losses were unable to occupy the position abandoned by the Russians.

The small outposts of the Russians attempted for three days to engage the Japanese cavalry, but their patrols retired to Chongju, forty miles or more northwest of Ping Yang. The Russian commander sent six squadrons to attack the place. As soon as they appeared the Japanese opened fire. There were four Spanish squadrons on the scene. Two Russian detachments dismounted and occupied the heights six hundred feet distant. An engagement ensued. A company of infantry and a squadron of cavalry lay concealed in ambush in the town. The Russians were reinforced by three companies and attacked the Japanese with a cross fire. But the Japanese gallantly held their ground and it was only after a hard fight of half an hour that the Japanese ceased to fire and sought refuge in the houses. Soon after this three squadrons of Japanese cavalry advanced along the Kasan road at full gallop toward the town. Two entered and the other fell back in disorder under repeated volleys from the Russian troops. A number of men and horses fell. An hour and a half after the attack began four companies of Japanese advanced along the Kasan road and the Russians retreated, but in perfect order. It is believed the Japanese had heavy losses. Three Russian officers—Stephanoff, Vasilevitch and Androoke—were severely wounded, three Cossacks were killed and twelve wounded.

## ANGEL OF DEATH

Calls Miss Ersey Kester, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kester, of Broad Oaks, to Her Eternal Reward Tuesday Mid-Night.

Miss Ersey Kester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kester, of Broad Oaks, Tuesday mid-night from typhoid fever. She was eighteen years of age, a bright and popular young lady whose death is deeply deplored and regretted by a large number of people who were numbered among her friends and acquaintances.

Funeral services will take place Thursday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kester, of Broad Oaks, and the remains will be taken to Mt. Zion church graveyard for burial.

## DEATH AT ADAMSTON

David B. Gain Succumbs to Grippe at Home of His Sister, Mrs. G. C. Southern, at Adamston.

The death of David B. Gain occurred at the home of G. C. Southern, at Adamston, Tuesday night at 11 o'clock and was the result of a bad attack of grippe that seized him ten days prior.

The deceased was a son of Eli Gain, deceased, brother of J. M. and T. E. Gain, of Oklahoma; half-brother of Henry and James Gain, of Long Run, Doddridge county, and brother of Mrs. G. C. Southern and Miss Mary Virginia Gain, of Adamston. He was born and reared in Harrison county, and resided in the county all his life, with the exception of a few years spent in the west. His age was 46 years. He was never married. There are many relatives and friends in the county who mourn his demise.

Mr. Gain was a member of the Clarksburg Fraternal Burial Association and the funeral will be held by that organization. The hour of the funeral at the residence of Mr. Southern will be Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock and the interment will be in the Gregory's Run cemetery, near the home of Edmund Southern, in Sardis district.

## APPLY FOR ENLISTMENT.

J. L. Linger, of Weston and John Drayton, of Middleton, Pa., have made up applications at the local recruiting station for enlistment in the United States army. Their applications have not yet been acted upon.

## DR. DAWSON RETURNS.

Dr. Z. E. Dawson and family, who resided in Wheeling the past year, returned to Harrison county to-day and are now located at Wilsonburg, their old home. The doctor had a very excellent practice in Ohio county and prospered very much. In addition to this he took special courses in medicine that will be quite beneficial to him in his future practice. The people of Harrison county take pleasure in welcoming him and his estimable family back into their midst and are glad to know they are enjoying such excellent health.



HON. STEPHEN B. ELKINS, ONE OF THE "BIG FOUR."

## TRADERS BANK IS REORGANIZING

Stockholders Vote to Increase the Capital Stock to \$200,000 and a Board of Directors Are Elected—Proceedings Go To Washington, D. C., For Approval.

The stockholders of the Traders National Bank, which was recently closed by order of the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States, held a meeting here Wednesday afternoon to consider a movement to increase the capital stock to \$200,000. Quite a number of stockholders were in from the country and other places and numerically things looked quite lively at the banking rooms where the meeting was held.

The meeting continued throughout nearly the entire afternoon. The attendance was large, there being more than two-thirds of the stock represented. It took less than fifteen minutes to decide to increase the capital stock from \$85,000 to \$200,000, but the course to be pursued in reorganizing the bank consumed several hours, it not being known definitely just how to proceed and there being some differences of opinion in the matter.

It was finally concluded to elect a board of directors and otherwise proceed to reorganize and submit the proceedings to the Comptroller of the Currency. This indicates that the prospects for a

resumption of business of the bank will occur at an early date.

Directors elected are W. B. Maxwell, John H. Ruhl, Porter Maxwell, P. M. Robinson, J. H. Hurry, L. L. Lear, Chas. S. Smiley, James F. Allen, M. F. Smider, E. R. Davis and Lee Boggess.

The officers of the institution will be W. B. Maxwell, president; Paul M. Robinson, vice president, and Scott H. White, cashier.

The reorganization proceedings will be submitted to the proper authorities at once and it is hoped to have the bank reopened by April 15.

The entire \$115,000, necessary to increase the stock to \$200,000, has been subscribed and otherwise arranged for.

## ARMY RECRUITS LEAVE.

Sergeant George W. Howthorne, of the local recruiting station, sent Blaine Willison, of this city, and Alva D. Weaver, of Alden, to Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday morning to be assigned to the infantry service of the United States. William M. Goff and Wallace D. Goff, both of Beechwood, leave on No. 12 this evening for Fort Slocum, at New Rochelle, N. Y., to join the coast artillery.

H. E. Strother, of Wilsonburg, spent Wednesday afternoon in the city on business.



HON. N. B. SCOTT, ONE OF THE "BIG FOUR."

## WON BRIDE LOST FORTUNE

West Virginia Man Loses Big Amount of Money on His Honeymoon Trip to Washington.

A Washington dispatch to the Baltimore Sun says:

"William Payne, of Whitmer, Randolph county, W. Va., a bridegroom of two days reported to the police to-night that he either had lost or been robbed of \$4,200.

"On Saturday last Mr. Payne was married in Cumberland, Md., to a young lady of that city; and incidentally he sold a load of cattle. With the proceeds of the sale and other money, amounting, he says, to \$4,200, he started on his wedding trip, and coming to Washington stopped at the Driscoll House. Yesterday he left with his bride, to visit his father, in Culpepper county, Virginia, and upon arriving found that the \$4,200, which he had carried in his hip pocket was missing.

"The Virginia authorities were at once notified and Mr. Payne returned to Washington to inform the local police."

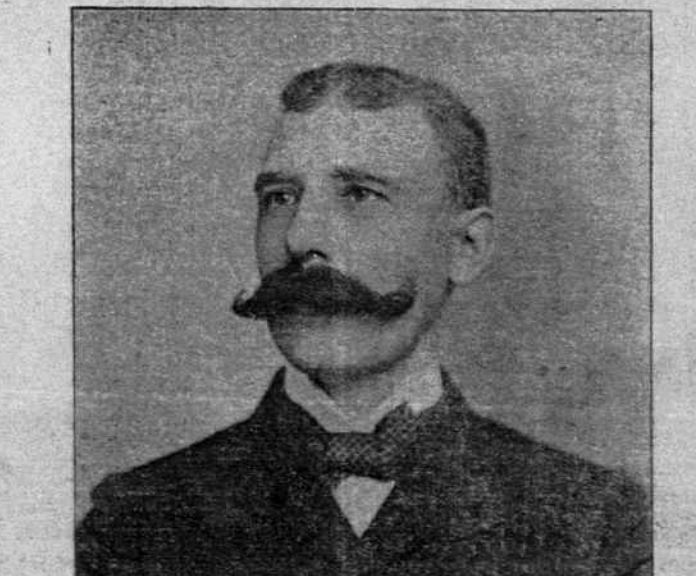
## HALF DOZEN GRADUATES

City High School Have This Year Closing Exercises Will Occur the Last of May.

There are eight more weeks of the city schools and the graduating class as well as others are taking the usual examinations. The class this year will have six members. They are Misses Genevieve and Alma Haymaker, Miss Georgia Thorne, Miss Edna Tinsman, Michael Connell and Edgar Hood. The commencement exercises will be held the last of May. The class speaker has not yet been secured and arrangements have not been otherwise perfected for the closing exercises.

## MINE IS AFIRE.

By Associated Press.  
Houghton, Mich., March 30.—The Quincy mine is on fire in No. 7 shaft.



GOVERNOR A. B. WHITE, ONE OF THE "BIG FOUR."

## JUMBO LEAVES TO-MORROW.

Jumbo, the big steer that has been on exhibition here several weeks, will leave Clarksburg to-morrow morning. L. L. Queen, one of the three owners, will leave with him for Grafton, where he will be exhibited a few days and then he will be taken to other places and finally to the World's Fair at St. Louis.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

The county clerk has issued marriage licenses as follows:  
Charles Wesley Schutte and Daisy Lee Baxter.  
William Allen Rader and Mrs. Mollie Freeman.

Captain Pritchard, one of Mannington's leading business citizens, is a city visitor.

## AGAINST SLOT MACHINES IS SUPREME COURT

Decision Handed Down by Judge Brannon in Kanawha County Slot Machine Case that is Against the Machine, Says Telegrams Received Here.

Clerk Matthews Wires Attorneys to That Effect and Other Dispatches Corroborate it--Wording is so Vague, that Lawyers are Uncertain Whether Decision Means Machines and Gambling Devices.

## SIX CONGRESSMEN RENOMINATED IN PENNA.

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 30.—The Republicans to-day renominated the present congressmen in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth districts. They are Henry Harrison Bingham, Robert Adams, Jr., Henry Burk, James Rankin Young, Edward De V. Morrell and Thos. S. Butler.

The State Supreme Court handed down a decision Tuesday afternoon in a slot machine case, which was argued by Hon. John Bassel and Captain M. G. Sperry and others a few weeks ago, and upon which the Frank Gaughan case here to some extent depends.

The style of the case was Gibson Wood against Cottrill, justice of the peace of Kanawha county.

A message received Wednesday morning by Mr. Bassel, from the clerk of the court states that the case was confirmed the court holding that the writ of prohibition did not lie.

A Charleston newspaper dispatch also says the slot machine case was decided against the machine, Judge Brannon delivering the opinion.

The messages are so vague that the attorneys here do not know exactly what features of the case were decided or whether the machine is regarded by the court as a gambling device.

Other decisions handed down Tuesday are as follows:

Starr vs. Samselle, Mingo county; opinion by Miller, judge; affirmed.

Farmers' and Shippers' Leaf Tobacco Warehouse Co. vs. Bridgmore, Lincoln county; opinion by Miller, judge; affirmed.

Turke vs. Sheen, Mingo county; opinion by McWhorter, judge; reversed and remanded.

Thompson vs. the National Mutual Building and Loan Association, Cabell county; opinion by McWhorter, judge; reversed and remanded.

Ex-parte, James Dudley vs. State, Cabell county; opinion by Dent, judge; judgment reversed and accused is discharged from further prosecution on the indictment.

Malley vs. Lammie, Raleigh county; opinion by Brannon, judge; judgment reversed and judgment rendered for the defendant; demurrer to declaration; Judge Dent dissents and files an opinion.

National Cash Register Company vs. Tyler, Union Bargain House, from McDowell county; opinion by Brannon, judge; affirmed.

Col. Stone vs. Janney, Berkeley county; opinion by Pottenberger, president; affirmed and remanded.

Moore vs. Holt, judge, et al., Randolph county; writ of prohibition awarded.

John E. Roler vs. Reed et al., Webster county; appeal refused.

Hinchman vs. Doolittle, judge, Logan county; prohibition refused.

Holt vs. King, Lewis county; motion to correct order argued and submitted.

## ELKS ELECT OFFICERS

To Serve For the Ensuing Year at Meeting Held in Lodge Rooms Friday Night—P. H. Shields Re-Elected Exalted Ruler.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year by the members of Clarksburg Lodge, No. 482, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at the regular meeting held in the lodge rooms Tuesday night:

P. H. Shields, Exalted Ruler.

C. P. Stout, Esteemed Leading Knight.

R. L. Osborne, Esteemed Loyal Knight.

William L. Geppert, Esteemed Lecturing Knight.

Jay Reefer, Secretary.

William Hay, Lewis, Treasurer.

Duncan Bonghuar, Tyler.

Dr. W. P. Goff, Trustee.

P. H. Shields was elected delegate and Jay Reefer, alternate, to the Grand Lodge convention to be held in Cincinnati in July.

Mr. Shields succeeds himself as exalted ruler. He filled the office very efficiently and ably the past year and the members re-elected him unanimously.

The newly elected officers will be installed with due ceremony at the meeting to be held next Tuesday night.

Joseph E. Sandis, one of Fairmont's prominent bankers, was here Wednesday looking after business matters.

## WILL GO TO NEW YORK

Bernard Nelms, Real Estate Dealer, Has Decided to Leave Clarksburg and Go to the Nation's Metropolis to Embark in Business.

Bernard Nelms, the real estate dealer, who has been located in Clarksburg for the past two years, and who returned from Huntington a few days ago after a month's stay in that city attending to business matters, has decided to go to New York city and enter business there. He will close his business in this city and move to the nation's metropolis the first part of next week. Mr. Nelms has made many friends during his stay in Clarksburg in both a business and social way and they will regret that he has decided to leave the city. All extend their best wishes and hopes to Mr. Nelms that he will meet with unlimited success and prosperity in his new venture.

S. D. Humes, of Lynch, who came to the city to attend the Masons' lodge meeting Monday night, returned to his home Tuesday evening. Mr. Humes is a thirty-two degree Mason and is known all over the State.

W. T. Mowery was a business visitor here Wednesday from Jarvisville.